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## UM CREW

### Community First Research Center for Wellbeing and Creative Achievement

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To **empower** Mississippi communities to create and **use evidence** and the arts to improve all aspects of community wellbeing using CBPR best practices and leveraging institutional resources and expertise.

# Mission

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# Vision

Our vision is to foster resilient communities in Mississippi. To help build communities that can withstand the stresses of natural, economic, and social disasters, by addressing social, educational, and economic inequalities.

We hope to become a go-to resource for communities in Mississippi to create, learn about, access, analyze, and apply knowledge and data to improve community quality of life.

## Goals



Coach/advise Mississippi citizens, communities, and decision-makers, how to create, access, analyze, and apply data in local and regional decision-making



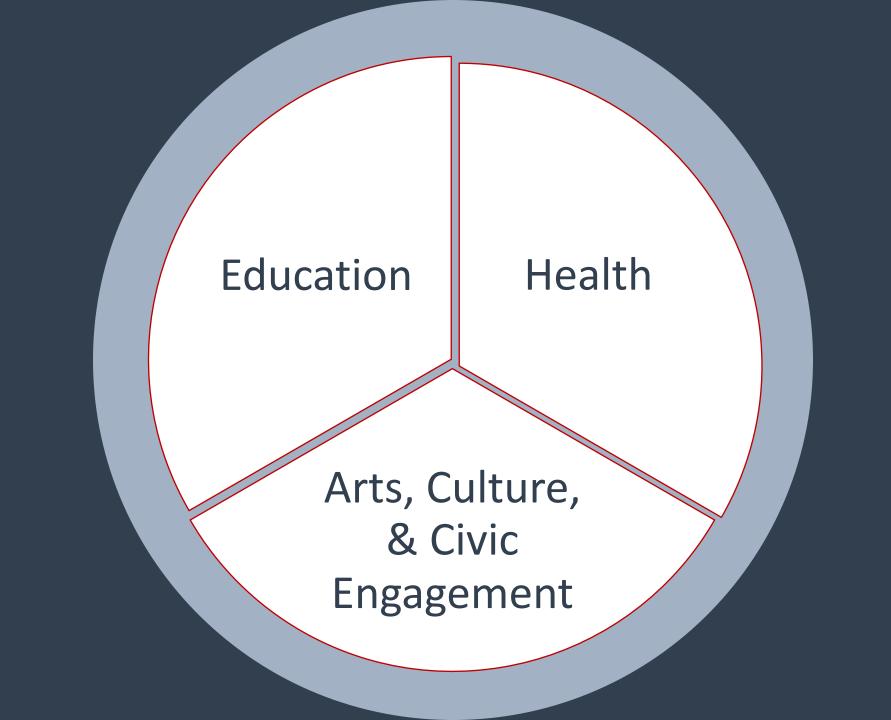
Be a resource for communities in collecting pilot data, writing, and submitting funding-grants to improve community wellbeing

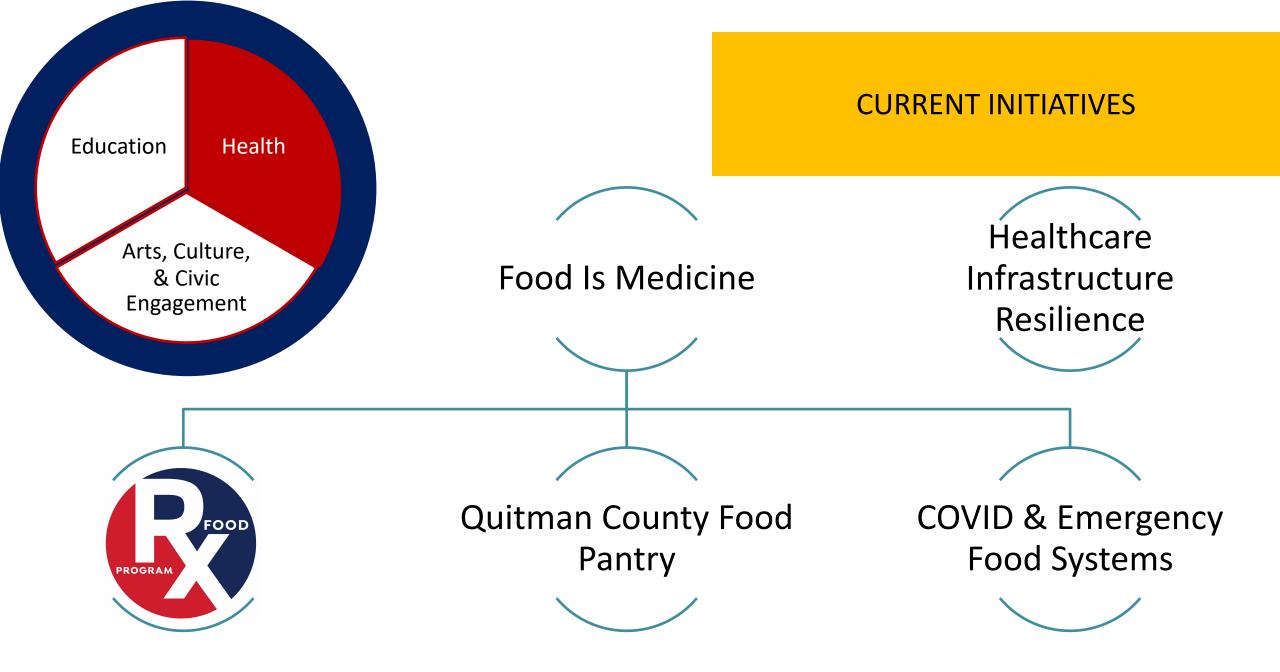


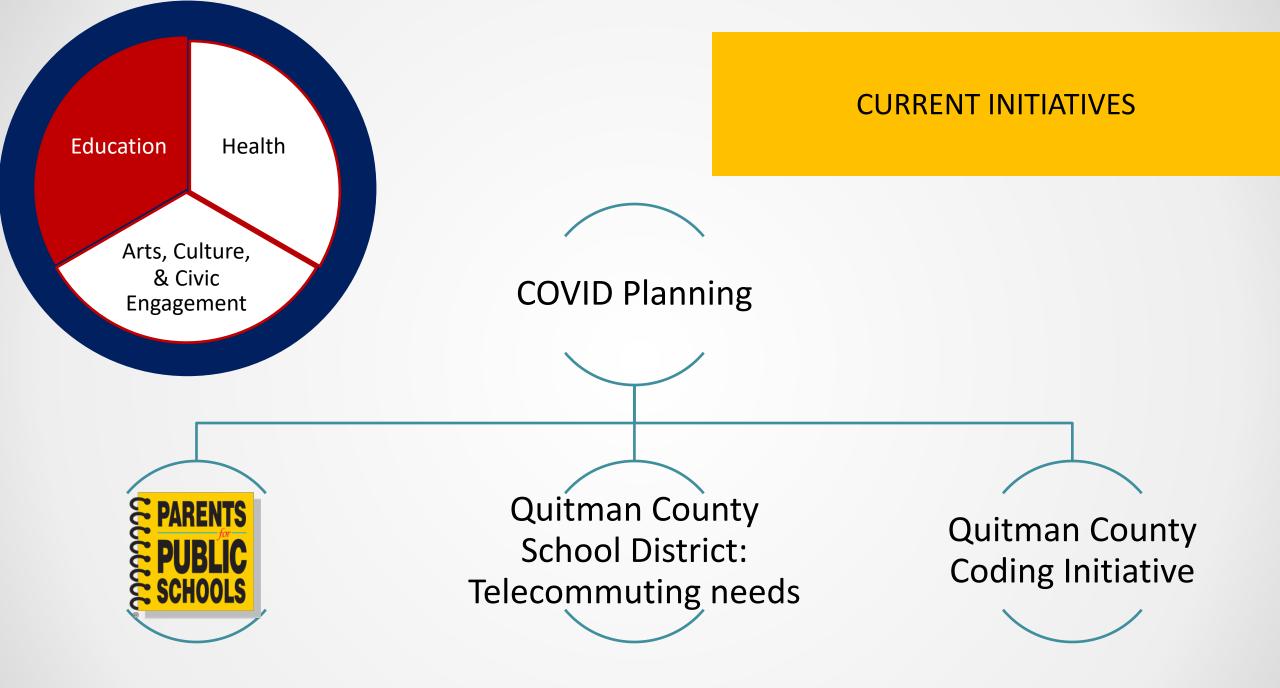
Be a resource for communities in helping to design community humanities and art workshops and projects (visual art, music, dance and theatre)

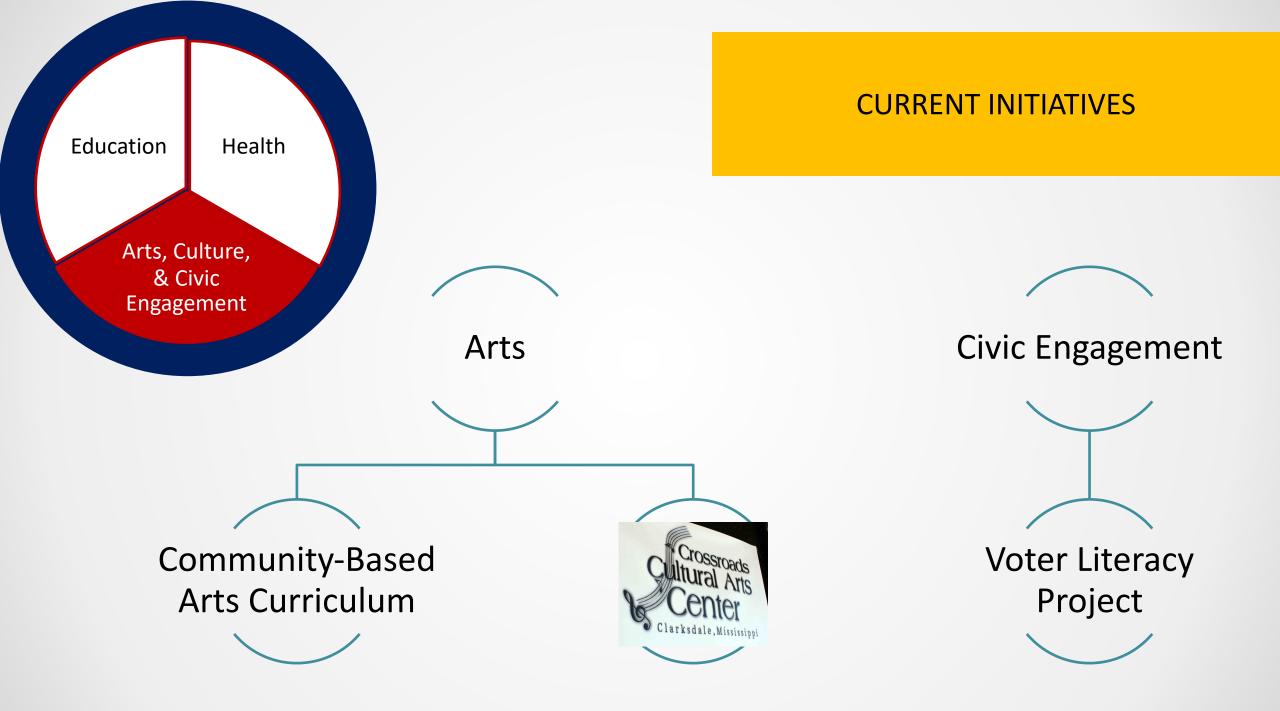


Act as a facilitator between UM researchers and Mississippi communities in need of researchers' skills









## COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES

#### **RESEARCH DESIGN**



CREW faculty and will work with your community team to develop research questions, identify data needs, and outline a path forward for meeting your needs.

#### DATA COLLECTION & ANALYSIS

CREW faculty and staff can work as part of your community team to help collect and analyze data at the community level.

#### TRAINING

CREW offers a comprehensive community research curriculum to help your community group build research skills. This includes but is not limited to research design, grant writing and data analysis.

#### DISSEMINIATION/REPORTS

Through our network and online platforms, CREW can help disseminate your research, program outcomes, and develop technical and policy reports for your consumer base.

#### UNIVERSITY LIASON

CREW can help you identify and communicate with University faculty and staff to address your research needs. We can also help you navigate University structures associated with research.



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#### COLLECT/ANALYZE DATA

CREW faculty and staff can work as part of your research team to help collect and analyze data at the community level.



#### **RESEARCH DESIGN**

CREW faculty and staff have extensive experience in community-based research design. Let us help you use CBR best practices to give your proposal the competitive edge.



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### FACULTY BASED SERVICES

#### TRAINING

Does your team need help developing the skills necessary for working with communities? CREW offers faculty trainings in CBR to help you establish long-term impactful partnerships.

#### PRE-AWARD ASSISTANCE

CREW can assist with pre-award writing, research design, and grant support—including letter of support or collaboration



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#### ACCESS TO NETWORK

CREW has a range of partners across the State and nation. We can leverage our network to help you identify communities that would benefit most from your expertise.



#### DISSMENATION/REPORTS

Through our network and online platforms, CREW can help disseminate your research, develop technical reports for lay consumption, and communicate your results to outside stakeholders



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